



CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES 26: CLIMATE PRIORITIES

Representative Blumenauer hails from Portland, Oregon, which he helped to become the first city in the United States to adopt a carbon dioxide reduction strategy when Blumenauer served as a city commissioner. As a member of Congress, and now as chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, Blumenauer has traveled around the globe promoting greater cooperation and action to solve the climate crisis through international diplomacy and trade. **Blumenauer is attending COP26 to work with world leaders and share ideas to advance bold solutions.**

After years of voluntary pledges and agreements, we know that those tools are simply insufficient. The world is in a new era of climate disasters and we must ourselves begin a new era—one that meets the moment with bold and transformative legislation. There is no time to waste.

BLUMENAUER-AUTHORED LEGISLATION ADVANCING THROUGH CONGRESS THIS YEAR

- Ending a decades-long tax holiday by reinstating the “polluter pays” Superfund tax on crude oil and petroleum and certain chemicals;
- Extending renewable energy incentives for wind and solar projects for 10 years to help meet President Biden’s goal of a carbon-free energy sector by 2035;
- Reestablishing a tax benefit for bike commuters and creating a tax incentive toward the purchase of an electric bicycle to decarbonize our transportation system, which contributes the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions of any sector;
- Ending the carnage on American roads by establishing a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program to fund vision zero projects; and
- Implementing historic increases of federal funds for biking and walking, and new provisions allowing federal funds to be spent on bikesharing and shared scooter systems, reversing the decades-long federal preference for automobiles.

PRIORITIES AFTER COP26

Climate and Trade: Blumenauer recently introduced the FOREST Act to end illegal deforestation related to commodities like palm oil, soy, pulp and paper, and cattle. The legislation is built on the success of the 2008 amendments to the Lacey Act, which Blumenauer authored to ban the trade of illegally harvested timber and wood products into the United States. Blumenauer’s success has been replicated in countries around the world.

Climate Disasters and Resilience: Blumenauer has developed a comprehensive framework and policy roadmap to address climate disasters, improve community preparedness,



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and reduce future risk. As Congress is poised to spend trillions of dollars on infrastructure this year, Blumenauer is working to ensure that the money goes toward proactively addressing disasters and improving community climate resilience, not repeating the same problems.

Climate Emergency: 38 countries and thousands of cities have formally declared a climate emergency. Earlier this year, Blumenauer introduced federal legislation declaring a National Climate Emergency in the United States and outlining a federal response, including large scale emissions reductions, mitigation, and resilience projects, all under principles of a just transition.

Food and Farm: For too long, Congress has showered billions of dollars on a handful of large-scale, commodity farmers at the expense of the small and mid-sized farmers and ranchers—and our communities' health. Blumenauer is working to curb these subsidies and has proposed sweeping reforms to American food and farm policy that target resources to farmers and ranchers who actually need it, cuts greenhouse gas emissions and pollution related to agriculture, and stops subsidizing a diet that makes Americans sick.